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Yorkton Apartment Fire Update

Tenants of the historic Avenue Living (former old hospital) apartment complex in Yorkton are currently being relocated from their temporary accommodation at the Howard Johnson Inn starting today, and according to Avenue Living, should all be in new quarters by Monday December 8th.

“We are thankful that there were no serious injuries to tenants and that everyone who lived there is safe,” said Mayor Bob Maloney. Two individuals are reported to have suffered smoke inhalation and were transported to hospital.

“I want to thank all the community organizations, businesses and individuals, particularly the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the Howard Johnson Inn, for their quick action in helping residents of the old hospital apartment complex, following Tuesday night’s disastrous fire,” said the Mayor.

Avenue Living, the owners of the complex, are also to be thanked for their quick response and for actively working to secure new accommodations for displaced tenants, he said.

For individuals and businesses who would like to help those affected by the fire the following organizations are geared up to assist:

- Salvation Army Thrift Store (20 Betts Avenue) is accepting donations of household goods, small kitchen appliances and clothing; Anyone with furniture to donate can call 783-4640;
- Walmart is accepting donations of toys and food hampers;
- Cash donations to the Canadian Red Cross may be made online at www.redcross.ca or to the Salvation Army.

The investigation into the fire is ongoing and the site has been secured.

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